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1. Foreign trade in Czechoslovakia is controlled through national foreign trade corporations which are subordinate to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. These corporations are usually staffed by experts taken from private wholesale and trade firms. One of the most important of the foreign trade corporations is the Merkuria Trade Corporation with headquarters at Obecniho Domu 3, Prague II. The general manager of Merkuria is Dr. Frantisek Benedek. Its function is to coordinate the operations of the import and export firms under its control and to arrange barter agreements and commercial treaties.
2. The following is a list of the import and export firms under the control of the Merkuria Trade Corporation:

a. Chemapol Joint Stock Company

General manager: Vilem Sada

Main office: Panska 9, Praha II
Telephone: 279-44

Branch office: Hviezdoslavovo 17, Bratislava

Trade: Import and export of chemicals and
chemical products

Czechoslovak Joint Stock Company for Glass Export

General manager: Karel Kabrhel

Main office: Revoluční 2, Praha II
Telephone: 607-54

Trade: Import and export of glass and glasswares

Czechoslovak Ceramics Import and Export Joint Stock Company

General manager: Bohumil Cesnek

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- Main office: Vaclavske nam. 17, Praha II
Telephone: 388-06
- Trade: Import and export of ceramic wares
- d. Oleaspol Joint Stock Company
- General manager: Jaroslav Kohout
- Main office: Stepanka 63, Praha II
Telephone: 325-47
- Trade: Import and export of oil-containing raw materials
- e. Czechoslovak Hops Export Company
- General manager: Y. Tucek
- Main office: P.O.B 739 Zatec Gorkeho
Telephone: 219
- Trade: Export of hops
- f. Czechoslovak Maltings Ltd.-Olomouc
- General manager: Karl Cervinka
- Main office: Trojanova 7 Praha II
Telephone: 452-41 to 44
- Trade: Import and export of malt and malt products
- g. Centrokornise Joint Stock Company
- General manager: Jiri Gregor
- Main office: Na Florenci Praha II
Telephone: 267-51
- Trade: Import and export of foodstuff
- h. Cukrex
- General manager: Dr. Ing. J. Hrudu
- Main office: Tr. Jana Opletala 23, Praha II
Telephone: 224-41, 292-71
- Trade: Import and export of sugar
- i. Koospol
- General manager: Rudolf Smejkal
- Main office: Perlova 1, Praha II
Telephone 338-34
- Branch office: Sturova 1/A Bratislava
Telephone: 57-24
- Trade: Import and export of agricultural products and needs
- j. Centrotex
- General manager: Ing. Frantisek Adamek

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Main office: Revoluční 3, Praha II
Telephone: 623-55

Trade: Import and export of textile products and raw materials

k. Koh-I-Noor Ltd.

General manager: K. Huml

Main office: Hybernaska 24, Praha II
Telephone: 219-94

Trade: Import and export of ready-made clothing

l. Papco

General manager: Dr. Bedřich Biehal

Main office: Trida Politických Vězňů 10, Praha II
Telephone: 212-41

Trade: Import and export of products of the paper industry

m. Czechoslovak Woodpulp Export Corporation

General manager: Ing. Ladislav Uhlík

Main office: Leskova 1/D Bratislava
Telephone: 591-5

Branch office: v/Pujkovny 2, Praha II
Telephone: 308-24

Trade: Export of cellulose

n. Ligna

General manager: Karel Friedmann

Main office: Jungmannovo 8, Praha II
Telephone: 264-51

Branch office: Stefanikova 15, Bratislava
Telephone: 303-41

Trade: Import and export of products of the timber and woodworking industry

o. Kovo Ltd

General manager: K. Kratky

Main office: Jungmannovo 29, Praha II
Telephone: 251-51

Branch office: Malinowskeho 24/C, Bratislava

Trade: Import and export of products and raw materials of the metallurgical and mechanical industries

p. Ferronet

General manager: Dr. Hanus Hein

Main office: Tr. Jana Opletala 27, Praha II
Telephone: 208-41

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Trade: Trade in products of the metallurgical and ironworks industries

q. Poldi

General manager: Ing. Frantisek Drastik

Main office: Tr. Jana Opletala 55, Praha II

Trade: Import and export of high grade steels and steel products

i. Metallimex

General manager: Vaclav Axler

Main office: Tr. Politickych Veznu 11, Praha II
Telephone: 218-41

Branch office: Malinowskeho 24/C, Bratislava

Trade: Import and export of ores and metals

s. Carboexport

General manager: Jozsef Czermak

Main office: Lazarska 7, Praha II
Telephone: 392-41

Trade: Export of mining and quarry products

t. Slovak Magnesite Works

General manager: Vavro Szoeke

Main office: u/Pujcovni 9, Praha II
Telephone: 298-41

Branch office: Gajova 9, Bratislava

Trade: Export of magnesite and magnesite products

u. Exico (formerly Bata)

General manager: Dr. Jan Holy

Main office: Zlin (Gottwaldov) Telephone: 2-22

Branch office: Washingtonova 21, Praha II
Telephone: 32-654
Titova 10*, Bratislava, Telephone: 2008, 2037, 3023.

Trade: Import and export of leather and rubber products and raw materials

v. Metrans

General manager: Dr. Vojtech Schlesinger

Main office: Narodni 27/I, Praha I
Telephone: 202-54

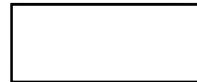
Branch office: Prikopy 8, Praha II
326-41

Trade: International transportation

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
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w. Koh-I-Noor, L. and C. Hardtmuth

General manager: Dr. O. Follprecht
Main office: Ceske Budejovice
Telephone: 149
Branch office: Jate 2, Praha II
Trade: Import and export of stationery material

x. Czechoslovak Tobacco Monopoly

General manager: Dr. J. Jelinek
Main office: Sleszka 9, Praha II
Telephone: 501-31
Trade: Import and export of tobacco and tobacco wares

*  Comment: This address still appeared on firm stationery as late as the beginning of 1950.

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